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■ LIONS CLUB

Fenwick carnival more than fun and games

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

Rosemary Hunter has been bringing her grandchildren to the Fenwick Lions Carnival at Centennial Park since they were in diapers.

With her six-year-old granddaughter Mikayla Hunter in tow, Hunter enjoyed the carnival held this weekend.

"I love to watch them. I love to see the joy when they're on the rides."

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SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo

Pictured from left, Michael Lilly, 9, Lucas Baxter, 9, and Kadie Baxter, 8, enjoy the rides at Fenwick Lions Carnival.

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upfront

■ **PUBLIC SAFETY:** Project Lifesaver program assists caregivers of people prone to wandering

Tracking bracelets introduced to Niagara

SARAH FERGUSON
Tribune Staff

WELLAND — Local caregivers can find comfort in knowing there is help if their loved ones become lost.

Niagara Regional Police launched the Project Lifesaver program Wednesday as part of a pilot project in partnership with Project Lifesaver Niagara.

Project Lifesaver is a non-profit organization that assists caregivers and families with loved ones that are prone to wandering because of cognitive impairments such as Alzheimer's disease, autism or acquired brain injuries.

Participants in the program are equipped with a one-ounce wrist transmitter that emits a radio tracking signal on a unique frequency every second. If lost, the person wearing the bracelet can be detected using an FM receiver from about two kilometres away.

When a person is reported missing, police will respond by launching an investigation involving trained officers using the electronic search equipment.

The amount of time it takes to locate a missing person takes police 30 minutes or less, said Sara Stranges, vice-chair of Project Lifesaver Niagara.

Project Lifesaver has more than 1,200 participating agencies in the U.S., Canada



SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo

Pictured from left, Niagara Regional Police Const. Todd Arsenault, holding a radio receiver, Pelham Mayor Dave Augustyn, Welland Ward 1 Coun. Mark Carl and Lifesaver Niagara vice-chair Sara Stranges unveil new technology that will be used by police to locate missing people with cognitive impairments in Welland and Pelham.

and Australia. Stranges said about 2,681 searches have been performed in the past 13 years with no serious injuries or fatalities ever reported.

In Ontario, Stranges said, York Regional Police, Peel Regional Police and Guelph Police services and Ontario Provincial Police have adopted the Lifesaver Program.

The pilot project in the Niagara region will serve Welland and Pelham residents only, until the "kinks" in the program are worked out, Stranges said.

"It is our hope the program becomes Niagara-wide very soon."

Pelham Mayor Dave Augustyn and Welland Ward 1 Coun. Mark Carl attended

the program launch at the Welland police station Wednesday afternoon.

In his volunteer work for the Alzheimer Society of Niagara, Augustyn has come to understand the worry caregivers have when their loved ones are diagnosed with the disease.

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■ **MENTAL HEALTH**

Pathstone criticized over clinician layoffs

GRANT LAFLECHE
QMI Agency Niagara

ST. CATHARINES — The lone art therapist whose job was recently eliminated at Niagara's only children's mental health agency said her position wasn't lost because of shrinking health-care budgets.

It was lost, she said, because of a lack of creativity and vision.

"If these programs are important to children — and they are important to children — then you do what you have to. You have to get creative with how you use your budget," Erinne Andrews said after a Pathstone Mental Health board meeting Wednesday afternoon.

"If I earn less money, I don't give my kids away. I find ways to do what I need to do with the money I have."

Andrews was one of three clinicians laid off by Pathstone earlier this month. The agency expects the layoff to have a negative effect on wait times for services.

Pathstone CEO Ellis Katsos said rising costs and static public funding forced Pathstone to lay off some workers.

"This is three of the about 100 clinicians that work here," he said. "This funding issue is nothing new. We've been dealing with this for a long, long time and it is not unique to Pathstone Mental Health. It is happening all over Ontario."

Katsos said during the board meeting that public funding for Pathstone, which serves more than 4,100 Niagara youths with mental health issues each year, has remained largely unchanged for more than a decade.

"We're not even getting inflationary increases, which means our costs rise every year," he said.

Since 1992, Pathstone has received a total funding increase of 8.2%. Over the same period, Katsos said, inflation has increased about 39.1%.

"That means we have a 30.9% funding gap," he said.

A board report Thursday showed the situation is more dire than just funding. The report said Pathstone's caseload is growing and the complexity of those cases is increasing.

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■ LIONS

Magical times at carnival

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Hunter said it's like magic when she sees the anticipation in their eyes and the excitement when her youngsters stand in line for a turn on the teacups or the merry-go-round.

"They don't have a care in the world."

Hunter said she continues to bring her grandchildren after year since she used to bring her own children to the carnival, too.

"It's a small setting so I'm not afraid that they'll get lost. It's very safe."

The carnival is also nice, she said, because there is a small crowd in during the morning and mid-afternoon so her grandchildren can ride the rides with little waiting time.

Eight-year-old Apple Brazeau could he spotted Saturday afternoon playing a carnival game. She was taking a break from all of the rides.

The carnival, Apple said, "is awesome because the rides go super fast."

"The wind starts blowing my hair and it's a lot of fun."

Said sister Sasha Brazeau, "I've been coming since I was a teeny baby."

The six-year-old said she most looks forward to the games each year.

What mom Sarah Lilley enjoys about the carnival is not only the games, but the fireworks display and the parade.

"I've been bringing my kids ever since they could walk. I like to share the same fun I had as a kid with them. It (the carnival) is just a lot of fun."

The three-day carnival also featured food vendors, a parade, a penny sale, a cow-plop lottery and a fireworks display.

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SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo
Three-year-old Dylan Powell rides the train.



ABOVE: Pictured from left to right, Brandon Postma, 6, Brooke Gunter, 5, and Abbie Postma, 4, enjoy riding the jumbo cars at the Fenwick Lions Carnival. BELOW: Six-year-old Mikayla Hunter tries her luck at the duck pond.



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Dedication to doing nothing

Like many people, I'm skeptical. What about? Well, what have you got?

I'm particularly skeptical about who claim to possess the secret to happiness. If a nice person shows up at my door and politely suggests he can guide me down the path to paradise, my overwhelming instinct is to smile nicely, and then hit them with a rake.

I find it much easier to embrace those who believe that (a) the world is doomed and (b) things are worse than you think and (c) that expensive thing-a-ma-jig you bought last week will cease working exactly two days after the warranty expires.

Still, despite my innate predilection for pessimism, I've never stopped seeking an answer to the same question that obsessed great philosophers like Plato, Confucius, descartes and Soupy Sales, and that question is this: "How can I stop being such a grump and start enjoying something for a change?"

(and for those who protest that the late comedian Soupy Sales doesn't belong in the same company as Plato, I remind them this was the man who said, "Be true to your teeth and they won't be false to you.")

Which, if you ask me, is a far more lasting and meaningful phrase than Plato's comment that, "Man is a wingless animal with two feet and flat nails." I mean, what's that about?

Anyway, my point is that I'm open to new ideas about health and happiness, and one idea that's been gaining momentum lately is Eastern-style meditation.

In fact, a new book by dr. Matt Mumber and Heather Bredt titled *Sustainable Wellness: An Integrative Approach to Transform Your Mind, Body and Spirit* argues there's new scientific evidence that proves meditation is medically beneficial.

The authors cite various studies that have found, for instance, that meditation increases grey-matter intensity in the brain, lengthens attention spans and reduces stress and blood pressure.

"Life is a constant series of adjustments, matching your inner being with your outer doing," states Reed in a press release.

"One way to heighten your awareness is through practicing meditation."

This is great news.

I particularly like the idea of "matching your inner being with your outer doing."

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■ COLUMN

Celebrate Fenwick this Saturday

On August 6, 1976, Mrs. Edna Elliott, former head librarian in Fenwick, wrote about the Village of Fenwick's origins. "On April 1 in the year 1953, the little community of Canboro Rd. known as Diffins' Corners officially became known as Fenwick when the first post office was opened by pioneer Leonard Haney."

"According to the most probable records, the name was chosen because it was the birthplace of Dr. John Fraser, who was Reeve of Pelham Township from 1850 to 1856 and was the first Wardens of Welling County."

This year, therefore, commemorates the 160th Anniversary of the Founding of the Village of Fenwick. A very dedicated and hard-working volunteer committee have met and planned over the last number of months to celebrate the Village's heritage.



DAVE AUGUSTYN

MAYORAL VIEW

Why 160 years?

As part of the wonderful 150 anniversary celebration of Fenwick in 2003, the organizing committee collected funds to improve and refurbish the Fenwick Flagpole at Canboro Rd. and Maple St. With the Town revitalizing Fenwick's downtown area this year - helping to make it more pedestrian friendly, reconstructing the road, burying the hydro lines - we have also used these funds to refurbish and extend the historic flagpole, and install rigging and lighting. Further, at the suggestion of the heritage

committee, council officially designated the Fenwick flagpole as a significant heritage structure on May 21 - the first flagpole so designated in Ontario.

So, on Saturday, June 1 from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. the organizing committee invites all to celebrate our heritage" and come home again to Fenwick. Events at the flagpole include and unveiling of the heritage plaque and a formal flag Raising at 10 a.m. a War Bird fly over and downtown beautification and turning at 11 a.m. and a formal flagpole lighting and fireworks at dusk.

You can also purchase commemorative, engraved bricks, to be installed around the Flagpole during the reconstruction.

The municipal parking lot will house the a big tent with live music and a street dance from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. All along Canboro Rd, activities will include classic cars and antique

power displays, live bands and street entertainers, children's activities, baskers and vendors, a Victorian Tea room, period demonstrations, the model railway display, and museum. To facilitate these lively activities, Canboro from Cherry Ridge to Church and Maple from Sandra to the flagpole will be closed to vehicles.

The event will also include carriage heritage tours of 30 sites from noon to 5 p.m.

Finally, many historic buildings and homes both in the Downtown area and across the Town are displaying commemorative bunting and bows to celebrate "160 Year of Pioneer Spirit."

Please join us for the 160th Anniversary of the Village of Fenwick this Saturday

You may contact Mayor Dave Augustyn at mayordave@pelham.ca or read past columns at www.pelhammayoradave.blogspot.com.

■ COLUMN

A week of communication and hope

JESSICA SRIVASTAVA

This week has been a busy one.

As I have stepped back into the world of business, I have decided to join some of the local and out of region networking groups. I have also decided to volunteer for organizations I believe in, including the Pelham Art Festival and most recently, the Ted X conference, taking place in St. Catharines in June.

I recently joined some business colleagues for a more relaxed networking experience, Social Butterflies Niagara, where we enjoyed a private screening of The Great Gatsby and a post party.

As I reflected on the week,

two thoughts stuck out. First, that communication and relationship building is such an important part of growing a business. Communicating your services or products, but also talking and making a connection. I believe people often get frustrated with networking groups without realizing it is the casual chatter that builds the foundation of trust and at some point a referral or work.

The second thought was a line from Gatsby, "It was an extraordinary gift for hope, a romantic readiness such as I have never found in any other person." Hope or the creation of a vision is such a fundamentally important part of developing a business. If we do not have passion and an idea of where we are going, it is unlikely

the business will succeed.

Both these factors have featured strongly with my boys this week, too. We have



Srivastava

had some interesting conversations regarding life in our household, especially as my older son just accepted his offer to Western University.

Encouraging the kids to believe and be hopeful at an age where they often struggle, and keeping the channels of communication open can be a challenge but one worth facing and I love hearing their opinion and take on life.

A big part of the communication process is

listening. Everyone has a need to be heard and whether we are talking to our children or attending a networking meetings, the process of building relationships and communicating are an important part of life. So this week, it would be worth stopping, listening, and making someone feel they are important.

As Paul Meyer says, "Communication - the human connection - is the key to personal and career success."

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■ GILLESPIE

Doing nothing more complicated than it sounds

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In fact, I'm pretty sure I've already mastered this concept: Every day I strive to do next to nothing on the outside, while at the same time mirroring this inwardly

by having next to nothing going on in my brain.

Of course, this is more complicated than it sounds. In our hectic, fast-paced world it's not easy to perfect the practice of "not doing." It takes, in fact, a lifetime of dedication.

I certainly don't have the time or space to explain it here. But I will say this: In my experience, the ability to cultivate

the art of "not doing" is easier if you have an empty house, a big-screen TV and

lots of beer. Of course, before you get settled you should check the warranty on that

TV because, as both Plato and Soupy Sales knew, it'll likely stop working three minutes after you

start your "meditating."

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■ **OUTDOOR SMOKING BAN:** Beaches, parks to be off-limits

Durley concerned smoking bylaw could harm concert attendance

SARAH FERGUSON
Pelham News Staff

Niagara Region's proposed smoke-free outdoor spaces bylaw has got some Pelham town councillors in a huff.

"I am neither a smoker, nor do I profess that it's a good thing," Ward 3 Coun. John Durley said last Monday night.

"However, it's still legal for someone to go into a corner store to purchase

and then use cigarettes. To completely ban it, is it an overkill?"

Public health representatives Gillian McDonald and Maria Brigantino addressed Pelham council to present the proposed bylaw that would prohibit smoking at beaches, in bus shelters and places where children would be most affected, including parks and playgrounds.

Properties owned, leased or operated by a municipal-

ity are included in the bylaw. Not included in the bylaw are roads or sidewalks.

Durley was concerned about how the bylaw could affect people visiting Summerfest, or those who light up during the Thursday night concerts in Peace Park.

To his knowledge, Durley said he can't recollect anyone being offended by people smoking. Other concerns councillors

shared were about cost of implementing the bylaw and enforcing it.

McDonald said the Smoke Free Ontario Act does help to protect the public; it "doesn't protect children in high use areas such as parks and playgrounds." Niagara's smoke-free outdoor spaces bylaw goes further to protect children from second-hand smoke, she said.

All Niagara municipalities are asked to provide

feedback about the proposal by June 30. In order for the bylaw to be passed, it requires the support from the majority of municipalities in the region.

The next step, she said, will be to send the bylaw to regional council for approval.

If the bylaw moves forward, the region will foot the bill for communication materials, signage and enforcement. Municipalities will be

required to post signs.

There will be no monetary fines during the first year of the bylaw if approved, McDonald said, but as the public becomes educated, bylaw violators will be slapped with a \$250 fine.

Last summer, McDonald said, public health administered about 2,000 surveys to Niagara residents and more than 90% of Pelham respondents supported the bylaw.

IN BRIEF

WORDS FOR WARDS

Ward boundaries for the Town of Pelham haven't been revised since 1978 and will receive a much-needed update from Watson and Associates.

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160TH APPROACHING

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SARAH FERGUSON
Pelham News Staff

Canada's birthday may be a little more than a month away but preparations have already begun in Pelham.

And volunteers are needed to help with the big day, says recreation, culture and wellness co-ordinator Jessica Ruddell.

"We need people to help set up, run information booths and get vendors."

The town's Canada Day committee will welcome anyone, including high school students looking for ways to meet their volunteer requirements for graduation.

Pelham's Canada Day celebrations will include a parade which will begin on Haines St. and finish in Harold Black Park. Kids vendors, children's activities and hot air balloon rides.

For more information about volunteering call Ruddell at 905-892-2607 ext. 341.

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■ CONCERT SERIES: VIP access available

IlluminAqua ticket packs aid Welland Hospital Foundation

MARYANNE FIRTH
Pelham News Staff

WELLAND — While purchasing tickets for upcoming IlluminAqua concerts, music lovers now have the option to also help purchase lifesaving equipment for the community. Welland Recreational Canal Corp. has created three con-

cert packages that will benefit the Welland Hospital Foundation in its quest to purchase a digital mammography unit.

The special packages were created for the IlluminAqua Jazz Festival that will feature Matt Dusk on Friday, June 14, and Emille-Claire Barlow on Saturday, June 15.

Each of the three pack-

ages include one ticket to an IlluminAqua concert, a VIP experience with VIP access, hors d'oeuvres and VIP bag collectable WHF tins, a \$10 gift card to Ye Olde Squire, a 20% off coupon at Bridgewater Cafe, one free paddling rental voucher at Peninsula Credit Union Finwater Community Centre, and 20% off the pur-

chase of other IlluminAqua tickets for the season.

The WHF Matt Dusk package is \$46, WHF Emille-Claire Barlow package is \$36, and WHF Jazz Festival package, for both shows, is \$70.

Packages can be purchased at the Welland Hospital Foundation office on the first floor of Welland hospital, at

sponsor Welland Toyota, 894 Niagara St., or by calling 905-378-4647 ext. 32396.

There are only 400 packages available.

Welland hospital's mammography unit serves more than 7,000 women annually in south Niagara. The foundation has raised \$300,000 of the \$600,000 needed to pur-

chase a new digital machine to replace the existing aging equipment.

"We are so close to bringing this technology to our community and we are reaching out to you to help us reach the home stretch," said foundation board member Deb Zahra.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS & NEWS

Fenwick's 160th Anniversary Celebration - Saturday, June 1, 10am-11pm

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Thursday Night Concerts - June 20 - September 5 - Fonthill Band Shell, Peace Park

Check out the lineup at www.fonthillbandshell.com

Pelham Summerfest 2013 - Thursday, July 18 until Sunday, July 21

It's never too early to start thinking about Pelham's summer fun festival! Check out www.pelhamsummerfest.ca for updates. Art show, vendor and sponsorship applications are now available online.

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Join the Communities in Bloom Committee!

This Town Committee is dedicated to keeping Pelham beautiful and planning events such as Pelham's Annual Garden Tour and Community Participation Days in the Spring and Fall. To join or for more information, contact (905) 892-2607 ext. 341.

Book the Arena Hall or Old Pelham Town Hall for your next function or event!

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■ **SUMMERFEST:** Visual and performing artists needed

Pelhamites invited to show off talents

MARYANNE FIRTH
PelhamNews Staff



It'll be part and parcel to Art in the Park."

Pat Hafta,
organizing committee member

Pelham's got talent. Now it's just a matter of showing it off.

Visual artists, dancers, musicians and actors will have the opportunity to do just that during Pelham Night of Art — but first, they have to sign up.

The event, being held in conjunction with the annual Pelham Summerfest celebration, takes place Friday, July 19, in Peace Park. It stems from the Niagara Nights of Art held in each of the region's municipalities last year to celebrate Niagara's Cultural Capital of Canada designation.

"There's expected to be a little bit of everything," said Pat Hafta, a member of the organizing committee that has put a call out to all Pelham artists.

"It'll be part and parcel

to Art in the Park," she said, referencing another Summerfest event taking place the same day.

Most artists yearn to have their work appreciated, Hafta said, and the only way to do that is to display it to the public. While some people might be nervous about putting their talents in the spotlight, the community is "generally very accepting and appreciative of the arts in Pelham," she said, hoping to calm the nerves of newer artists from the town.

Artists are invited to submit applications in the following categories: Youth visual art (for ages eight to 18), including assemblage, drawing, painting, photography, print making and sculpture; and performance (for all ages), including music, drama, dance and other.

Performances must be 10 to 30 minutes in length.

Performers are required to submit video or audio auditions by CD, DVD or YouTube link.

Applications are available at www.pelham.ca or at Pelham Town Hall. They've also been made available at all local schools.

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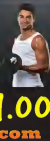


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■ **BACKYARD OASES:** Communities in Bloom puts out a call to green thumbs

Plant yourself on Pelham's garden tour

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

Green thumbs are needed to showcase their backyard wonders during the Pelham Communities in Bloom garden tour.

Everyone is welcome to sign up as the committee is looking for a wide variety of garden types, small and large, that include water, vegetables, bushes, shrubs and rock gardens as well as anything a gardener may imagine, member Sandra Harding says.

All garden owners will have a sitter to watch their property, and who will advise visitors where and where not to walk during the tour. The deadline to apply is June 7.

Harding wants people to know that they shouldn't be worried their gardens may not be right for the tour.

Committee member Bill King also agrees, saying anyone who has spent time working out in the sun to create their own haven should share it with the community.

The Pinecrest Court homeowner will open up for the tour his backyard garden that backs onto a ravine.

The garden features a wide variety of perennials and annuals.

There are white pine trees, a Japanese maple tree and wooden chimes and knick-knacks that blow in the wind.

This year is the second time he is welcoming tour participants to his home.

"The garden tour is great because it gives people ideas for their own gardens, and I learn a lot, too," King says.

The goal of the event is to



SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo

Bill King stands in his garden which will be featured in the Communities in Bloom annual garden tour this summer. Next to him is committee member Sandra Harding. The committee still needs green thumbs to sign up and have their gardens featured on the tour.

beautifully and promote the community, says King.

If people are also interested in joining Communities

in Bloom, King wants people to know new members are needed.

"We meet once a month

for an hour every third Wednesday of the month."

The garden tour will be held Saturday, July 13, from

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets will become available Monday,

June 17 for \$10. For more information about the garden

tour call 905-892-2607 ext. 341 or visit Pelham town hall.

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Pathstone must now turn away some cases

FROM PAGE 2

As a result, wait times continue to be an issue. According to the board report, of the three levels of service Pathstone offers — brief, moderate and intensive — two are experiencing wait times well

above the level the agency is targeting.

On average, wait times for the brief services — cases that require the least amount of intervention — are 15% above target. For moderate, that number is 31%.

There is no wait time for

intensive services because those are emergency cases.

Katsof said Pathstone is making changes in the way it determines who will receive service, in a bid to reduce wait times.

For the past two years, Pathstone has taken cases that previously would have

been referred to schools or other community agencies. Those cases will now be returned to those resources.

"That represents about 220 children a year, which will have a noticeable impact on our wait times," he said.

For Andrews, no layoffs should be necessary, even with a funding crunch.

The art therapist said she is not advocating to have her job restored, but is saying Pathstone needs to do a better job with the funding it has.

"We've been dealing with

funding issues for the 15 years I have worked here," she said. "Every year, they found a way to make it work."

"They need to do that again."

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Ellis Katsof, executive director of Pathstone.

■ SAFETY

Program will relieve stress


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"This initiative takes away that worry (of loved ones wandering)," he said.

Carl echoed similar thoughts on the pilot project.

"As a parent I can feel that feeling of horror when my child is missing. For a caregiver, there is a big stress, too," Carl said.

Police Chief Jeff McGuire said the partnership between police and Project Lifesaver Niagara is "a great" one.



**Ward Boundary Review:
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The Town of Pelham is conducting a ward boundary review and wants to hear from you!

To help develop options for possible realignment of current ward boundaries or to increase the number of wards, the Town of Pelham invites the public to open houses on:

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Thursday, June 6th at 7:00 p.m.
Pelham Fire Station #1, 177 Highway 20 West, Fonthill

A presentation and preliminary conceptual maps will be available for viewing and input.

You can also submit comments at www.pelham.ca or by addressing the Town Clerk at 20 Pelham Town Square, P. O. Box 400, Fonthill, ON, L0S 1E0 or at NJBozzato@pelham.ca.

Having fun at the Fenwick Lions Carnival



SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo

Pictured from left, Brittany Lilley, Alyssa Todoruk and Dylan Todoruk enjoy riding the tea cups.



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Joshua Muir, 7, and brother Aiden Muir, 4, enjoy carnival games in Centennial Park.

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Lauren Legere, 10, and Emily Hunter, 9, share a large batch of cotton candy.

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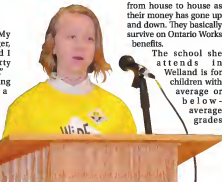
Poverty is her way of life

DAVE JOHNSON
PelhamNews Staff

WELLAND — "My name is Chonie Anger, I'm 13 years old and I have lived in poverty basically my whole life."

That was a sobering message delivered by a Grade 7 student from DSRN Academy.

She was one of the speakers at Niagara Poverty Reduction



from house to house as their money has gone up and down. They basically survive on Ontario Works benefits.

The school she attends in Welland is for children with average or below-average grades

Network's Wipe Out Poverty in Niagara Call to Action campaign launch last Wednesday.

Chonie was joined at the podium by Niagara Poverty Reduction Network chair Elisabeth Zimmermann and vice-chair Willy Nollas as they spoke about eradicating a lingering problem in the region.

Before she talked about her life, Chonie read a poem titled *Being Poor Is*, which was written by Grade 4 and 5 students in North Bay. She said the poem related to things in her life.

"I don't have everything that everyone else in class has. It's kind of hard. I get made fun of or people pick on me because I don't have what they have," she said.

Some days she won't bring a lunch to school because her family

doesn't have food in the house or can't afford it. Because the family lives on a budget, all they can afford are the basic necessities.

"I don't always get the cool shoes or have a phone"

Chonie said she is bullied because they don't understand what she goes through.

"I feel they are not really trying to understand. If they tried, they would learn what it's like to go through what I go through."

"If they stepped in my shoes for a day they would cry — not because they feel bad, but because it's so hard."

Chonie feels badly for her little brother who gets bullied and picked on as well. She said her mother is looking for a job and her family has moved

who want to pursue post-secondary education, and who have parents who have little or no post-secondary education.

"I think if I didn't live in poverty, and hadn't gone through all the tribulations ... and worked through them, I wouldn't be where I am today and wouldn't be here to tell you my story," Chonie said.

Carol Stewart-Kirkby, executive director of United Way of Niagara Falls and Fort Erie, thanked the young teen for sharing her story. She thought it touched everyone seated in the auditorium at Welland Community Wellness Complex.

"What a remarkable story, what a remarkable young woman."

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■ POVERTY

Causes must be addressed

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"What composure and maturity it takes to come in front of a group like this and tell such a personal story," said Stewart-Kirkby.

She introduced Nollies and Zimmermann to the audience, which numbered about 100.

"That there's poverty in Niagara should be no surprise to anyone in this room," said Nollies. "One only needs to look at the unemployment rate, the 40%-plus increase in social assistance rates or the large number of people working in the service sector."

He said one thing no one ever really looked at was the

economic impact of poverty in Niagara.

In 2012, Brock Observatory researchers did just that.

"The consequences of poverty in Niagara hurts everyone, not just those living in it, to the tune of \$1.38 billion in lost productivity, disproportionate health-care expenditures and other direct and indirect costs."

Nollies said instead of being reactive to poverty, the consequences and root causes need to be addressed. Such things as income distribution, the labour market, affordable child care and housing, and more, need to be worked on.

"We need to begin to work

on solutions."

He said that's where the broader community needs to come into play and work with Niagara Poverty Reduction Network, which has more than 30 members, with groups including the Hope Centre and Bridges Community Health Centre involved.

The vision statement for the group, Nollies said, is all Niagara residents living above the poverty line, and that's supported by a mission that encourages private, voluntary and public sectors working together to improve the quality of life in Niagara.

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DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo
Chonie Anger, 13, talks with Niagara Poverty Reduction Network chair Elisabeth Zimmermann and vice-chair Willy Nollies at Niagara Poverty Reduction Network's Wipe Out Poverty in Niagara Call to Action launch on Wednesday.

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■ FUNDRAISER: Merritt Island to be hub of activity

Niagara cycling for autism

VICTORIA GRAY
PelhamNews Staff

WELLAND — Riding a bike can assist a child with autism learn important life skills.

Autism Ontario Niagara Region Chapter will host its 13th annual Cycle for Autism on Saturday, June 1, on Merritt Island.

Participants can ride, walk, run, jog, stroll or roll down the picturesque riverside trail for distances of two, five or 10 kilometres.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and the ride starts at 10 a.m. Everyone who raises more than \$50 will receive a Cycle for Autism drawing backpack and a free barbecue lunch. The three top pledge earners will receive new bicycles.

Autism Ontario's Niagara region chapter volunteer and communications manager Samantha Hoodless said the event is fun for everyone. There will be music, a bouncy castle, face painting and more.

Last year more than 350 people participated and raised more than \$37,000.



Autism affects 5,000 people in Niagara region and there are not a lot of programs and services out there."

Samantha Hoodless
communications manager

This year the chapter hopes to raise about \$40,000 to help fund programs and services for people with autism spectrum disorder and their families.

"Autism affects 5,000 people in Niagara region and there are not a lot of programs and services out here," Hoodless said.

To register for Cycle for Autism visit <http://bit.ly/VXUyGc>. For more info call 905-682-2776.

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■ GOALS

More than charity needed to fight poverty

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There are also three goals, Nollis said: "Dispelling myths about living in poverty, improving collaboration and action in poverty reduction efforts by all stakeholders, and engaging and including all individuals in the community."

Zimmermann said Niagara Poverty Reduction Network recognizes that upstream investments in housing, child care and education are critical to eradicating poverty.

"Charity alone can't address the needs of our social safety nets. Yet more and more demands are being placed on local agencies to respond

when government funding cuts occur," she said.

She said Niagara Poverty Reduction Network has undertaken an ambitious to create awareness of poverty, spread what it knows and deal with the root causes and myths.

"We're promoting a serious call to action to all residents of Niagara to be participants in this. Addressing the root causes is not only a moral argument, but also an economic one."

More information can be found at www.wpeoutpoverty.ca.

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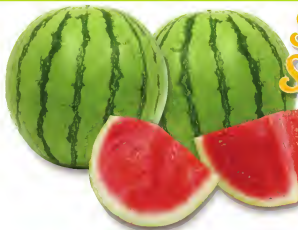
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The women who helped organize the annual For Pete's Sake events at the King St. fire station in Welland celebrated the memory of firefighter Pete Voynovich who died last year. Pictured from left is Brynley Eckhart, Annette Koczula, Pete's wife Connie Voynovich, Jenn Gmoser, Paula Albano and Cheri Busch.

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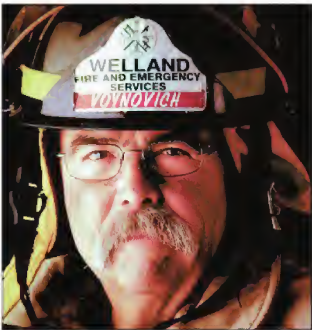
This High-Energy, Las Vegas style show will be held on **Friday, June 7th, 2013** at the **Scotiabank Convention Centre** in Niagara Falls.

There will be a tradeshow beginning at 6pm and the firefighters will hit the stage at 7:30pm.

Tickets are \$25 available online and at the Pelham Centre Customer Service

www.fivealarmladiesnight.ca

■ FOR PETE'S SAKE: Life of Pete Voynovich celebrated in private affair



Pete Voynovich

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Firefighter tribute aids Wellspring

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

WELLAND — It was all for Pete.

About 80 of Pete Voynovich's closest family, friends and colleagues gathered at the King St. fire station Sunday to honour his memory during a private memorial service.

The longtime Welland firefighter died in May 2012. Those who knew him best wanted to celebrate his life, said Cheri Busch, a colleague of Voynovich.

Members of the fire station organized a memorial ceremony which took place mid-morning. It featured a video showing images from his life. Later, guests gathered in front of the fire hall to fly the flag at half-mast while retired firefighters played bagpipes. Voynovich's wife, Connie, and her family opened a basket and released a pair of doves.

"This is all for you Pete," Busch said.

The firefighter who worked with Voynovich for many years said an annual ride, For Pete's Sake, was started in 2009 to motivate Voynovich in his battle against colon cancer and to bring awareness to firefighters-related illnesses.

During his 37-year career, Voynovich was exposed to a number of chemical toxins due to the many fires he battled.

For Pete's Sake continued each year and raised money for cancer research. This year, the fire station decided to use the event as a private way to remember Voynovich, and while raising money for Wellspring Niagara.

"Pete personally requested that the proceeds go to Wellspring because the organization helped his family," Busch said.

The organization provides cancer support programs at no cost to people living with cancer and those who care for them.

People who knew Voynovich best said his nickname was Grump, but once people got to know him, they realized he wasn't grumpy at all, Busch said. And he will never be forgotten by his fellow Welland firefighters at Local 481 because of the camaraderie and fellowship that they shared with him.

"We are all one big family. That's how we get through times like this."

After the memorial service, guests enjoyed a barbecue and children were entertained with activities.

With many retired firefighters visiting from out of province, many who attended the event were catching up and visiting with old friends.

■ DEMONSTRATION

March draws attention to genetically-modified foods

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

WELLAND — They marched for the choice to have food without genetically-modified organisms.

They did it, they said, to call attention to alleged dangers posed by genetically-modified food and its producer, food giant Monsanto.

About 50 people gathered at Welland Market Square Saturday morning to participate in the March Against Monsanto. The small group's event was one of more than 300 taking place in 40 countries, organizer Kristina Letourneau said.

Residents from across Niagara attended the Welland demonstration. They marched down King St., to Division St., to Helles Ave. and back to the market.

Letourneau said genetically-modified foods are harmful to a person's health,

the environment and farmers.

Because of chemicals involved in the process of growing food, people "can't just wash vegetables anymore," she said.

Genetically-modified foods are created from GMOs, or genetically-modified crops. These modified plants are engineered to resist insecticides and herbicides.

The most commonly affected foods include corn and soybeans, and genetically do not require labelling, Letourneau said.

"We want labelling on foods that contain genetically-modified organisms."

Letourneau said to learn more about GMOs, a meeting will be held Thursday, May 30, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Welland Community Wellness Centre. For more information about the meeting, e-mail info@climateactionniagara.ca.



SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo
Pictured from left to right, Sean Masecar, Lucas Johnston and Spencer Brooks, of Welland, march against Monsanto to raise awareness about chemicals used in food.



SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo

ABOVE: John Polc, of Port Colborne, takes part in the March against Monsanto.
BELOW: About 50 people from across Niagara gather at Welland Market Square to participate in the march.



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■ WATER SAFETY

Lifeguard course set for Pelham

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

The Town of Pelham is inviting swimmers to dive into Lifesaving Sport Fundamentals.

The recreational program is open to swimmers who have Swimmer 3 certification, aquatic supervisor Paul Ferrara says.

The program targets children ages eight to 12, but everyone is welcome, he said. "Many people don't want to become lifeguards, but they like the

sport."

The program will offer swimmers the chance to learn about obstacle swimming, mannequin carrying, line throw accuracy and other lifeguarding skills, as well as have opportunities to take part in competitions.

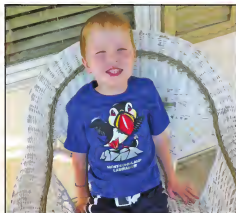
Sessions will take place at the Pelham pool at Marlene Stewart Strelt Park, July 2 to 26 and July 29 to Aug. 3 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, contact recreation, culture and wellness co-ordinator Jessica Ruddell at 905-882-2607 ext. 341.



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Instructor Paul Ferrara swims through a hoop underneath the water. It's one of the skills youth will learn through the Town of Pelham's Lifeguard Sport course held at Pelham Pool.



Five-year-old Blake Turner has been living with juvenile diabetes most of his life. His father, Mark Turner, has organized a golf tournament to benefit Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, June 15.

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■ **LINKS:** Proceeds to be donated to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

Golf Fore Diabetes

ALLAN BENNER
PelhamNews Staff

WELLAND — Blake Turner is like any other five-year-old. "He loves to play soccer and he loves hockey now," says his father, Mark Turner.

He's been watching the Stanley Cup playoffs with his father "and he's starting to enjoy it, but he usually falls asleep within the first period," Turner adds.

But there's one thing that sets the senior kindergarten student at Alexander Kuska School apart from most

children his age — juvenile diabetes.

He was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes at the age of 15 months, and he's since gotten used to the needles and the pricks of pins as many as six times a day as his parents Mark and Melinda Turner test his blood/sugar levels.

"He still has his lows and highs like any other diabetic," Dad says, referring to his son's sugar levels. "It's not always perfect, but you try to manage it the best you can. You can't control it, you can

only manage it."

But Turner dreams of a day when his son can live his life without the threat of the disease looming over him.

"Hopefully there will be a cure, and that's the goal."

Turner is organizing the fourth annual Golf Fore Diabetes golf tournament, taking place Saturday, June 15, at Riverview Golf and Country Club in Fenwick. Proceeds will go to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, an organization dedicated to finding a cure for the disease Blake is living with.

The cost is \$100 a player, and that includes 18 holes of golf and use of a golf cart, as well as lunch and a steak dinner. Registration is at noon and the tournament begins with a shotgun start an hour later.

There will also be a silent auction as well as door prizes up for grabs. Turner says some of the items in the auction include autographed hockey sticks from local NHL hockey players, but organizers could still use more donations.

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■ GOLF

Fundraiser generally brings in \$7,000

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The tournament, which usually brings in about 90 golfers and \$7,000, kicks off the Turner family's fundraising efforts for the year, which also include a fall walk on Merritt Island.

People interested allan.benner@sunmedia.ca

in more information, donating or signing up for the tournament can contact Turner at 905-714-7690. He says people can register with a foursome, or if individuals want to play with somebody."



DUPLICATION?

Pelham councillors want to see a committee comprising representatives from all municipalities that would review a study of water and wastewater service delivery in Niagara before a report is brought to regional council in June.

The study conducted for

Niagara Region indicated the only option is to move to a one-tier system for the region.

DEPUTY DUTY

The Town of Pelham will review its policy for appointing councillors as deputy mayor for special events.

Options include electing councillors to fill the position or operate on a rotating schedule, similar to what's done in Welland.

The town's policy hasn't been reviewed since 1997, and any changes would take effect during the next council term.

■ FOUNDATION

Group excited to help hospital

FROM PAGE 6

"The Welland Hospital Foundation Benefit Concert Package is an incredible value and supports an incredible cause."

WRCC executive director Stephen Fischer said the organization is excited to be in a position to help the foundation

with its campaign.

"This is a great opportunity for Illuminaqua to leverage acclaimed artists, the creativity and work of staff to assist a cause that such a large number of people in our community can unfortunately relate to," he said.

For more information on the concert series, visit www.illuminaqua.com.



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■ **BASEBALL:** Mosquitos Green Jays win 18-2 over Pharmasave

This week in Pelham Minor Baseball

For PelhamNews

The Pelham Minor Baseball LaFarge Green Jays Mosquitos began the 2013 campaign with a convincing victory over Pharmasave.

LaFarge had multiple hit games by every player in the line up and cruised to an 18 - 2 win. The Green Jays got four hits from Davyn LaFarge, Grayson Van Groot, Cole Slingerland and Brock Morden.

Conner Eller, Drew McArthur, Chris Frado and Daniel Van Alstine all earned three hits apiece while Cooper Eller and William Hamilton chipped in with two hits each.

The Green Jays couldn't keep the hot bats going into the next game and fell to Mossimo's 9 - 4.

LaFarge had two hit performances from Chris Frado, Drew McArthur, Brock Morden, Davyn LaFleur,

William Hamilton and Cole Slingerland but couldn't close the gap that Mossimo's had built in the first inning.

The Rookie Ball Future Stars are off to a great start this season, with a 7-3 win against the Pelham Giant Tiger team.

Despite the cold weather, everyone pitched in and contributed. Owen Nichols made back-to-back outs at first base, and Lucas Slingerland also showed off his first base prowess with an unassisted out.

Brendan Veestra's double and singles from Matthew Kleinsmith, Ethan Wells, Ryan Jensen and Dylan Scott combined with some good base running to score runs. Simon Killeen reliably hit the ball and was tenacious in his base running.

Alex Ruhloso socked a pitch over second base to advance the runner who would eventually score.

Julian Rubino, Kristen Wells and Danny Langsland played their fielding positions very well to hold back the Tigers' offense.

The Star Tile Midget team exploded out of the gates in their first game of the season, with a 15-1 win over St. Catharines at Harold Black Park.

Matt Jones pitched three

shutout innings, and added two doubles at bat.

Zach Otto, Andrew Gemmel, Davis Horrocks and Michael Tyler also added doubles, and Brandon Bach and Eric Deba scored two runs each.

The Five By Five Design Studio Bantam team opened strongly with an 11-2 win over Welland, with Scott Hooper

pitching four strong innings in a rain-shortened game.

The Miller Restoration Peewee Panthers Rep team won their season opener 16-7 over the St. Catharines Cobras last week, Wednesday.

Nathan Cook and Tyler Dobbie charmed the Cobras bats, allowing only three hits over four innings, while the Panthers' bats pounded

the Cobras' pitchers for 12 hits.

Leading the pack at the plate was Ryan Dykstra with a triple and single, Connor Walton with two doubles, Evan Dobbie and Spencer Reynolds with a double and a single, while Harry Stevan, Sydney Porte, Josh Stuart and Nathan Cook all added singles.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Environmental Assessment Study, Smithville Patrol Yard and Pelham Patrol Yard Regional Municipality of Niagara

Background

In 2004 the Regional Municipality of Niagara completed a report identifying the opportunities and constraints related to managing the future maintenance and operation of their current inventory of patrol yards, (1) Thorold, (2) Welland, (3) Pelham and (4) Smithville, for the next 10 years. The report recommended the Regional Municipality of Niagara would have the option to decrease their current inventory of patrol yards and the Regional Municipality of Niagara has decided to proceed with a review of options.

The Project

AMEC Environment & Infrastructure has been retained by the Regional Municipality of Niagara to undertake a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) investigating the opportunity for a new patrol yard. The proposed work could include the siting and construction of a new patrol yard, and connecting the future patrol yard to the existing road network.

The Process

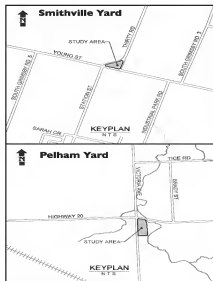
This study will be undertaken as a Schedule A*, and will follow the approved process of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, and will conform to Planning Act requirements and with other municipal requirements. As part of the Class EA process a Public Information Centre has been scheduled for:

Date: Thursday May 30, 2013
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Location: Niagara Region Headquarters
 2201 St. David's Rd., Thorold
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The PIC will be an informal drop-in centre format with display boards to present the study information including:

- Problem Statement
- Environmental Inventories
- Routing Study
- Evaluation and Assessment of Alternatives.

Comments and information regarding the study are being collected to assist the Regional Municipality of Niagara in meeting the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. Subject to the receipt of necessary approvals, the Regional Municipality of Niagara intends to proceed with the planning, detail design, and construction of this project. Should you have any comments or questions regarding the study, please contact the undersigned.



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■ ROSELAWN

Thomas closes chapter on reading series

DAVE JOHNSON
PelhamNews

WAINFLEET — September will mark the 20th year for the Canadian Authors Reading Series at Roselawn Centre — and last for William Thomas as head of the series.

Thomas will announce his retirement on Thursday, at the last reading for this season, when actor, comedian, and writer Don Harron takes the stage.

"What I'll miss most are the volunteers, they have been fantastic," said Thomas, adding the event now pretty much runs itself. "I love Roselawn and the theatre as well."

The Wainfleet resident — and successful author himself — said the authors series was nearly cancelled at one point early on in its existence when Alex MacBeath, of Doane Raymond Accounting,

moved to Toronto, leaving it without a main sponsor.

"I got on to the stage at the end of the last reading and thought Port Colborne really needs something like this, it really bothered me."

So Thomas took it upon himself to find new sponsors and ensure the doors opened the next season, making sure there was no interruption in the reading series.

"We've had a good run and I hope it continues on after I am done."

In the past 19 years, 12,000 books have been sold and 164 authors have appeared. Thursday's season ending marks the 17th reading on the Roselawn stage. The series has also donated \$45,000 to local charities such as the United Way, Port Caris and Easter Seals, as well as book donations to Showhost Theatre and to local humane societies for their fundraisers.

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AFTERNOON TEA

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VILLAGE ARTISTS STUDIO and Garden Tour will be held Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event allows the public to walk among the trees in the heart of Pelham. Six art studios in the villages of Fenwick, Ridgewood and Forthill. Free self-guided tour maps and information are available at Pelham Public Library. Nature's Corner Bakery and www.beverlysnath.com. Those interested can also call 905-892-5868. Donations of non-perishable food will be accepted for Pelham

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JUNE 2

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JUNE 8

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JUNE 10

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AROUND TOWN

TUESDAY
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SATURDAY
JUNE 15

PELHAM ART ASSOCIATION Instructor John Anderson is in the Festival Room of Pelham Public Library this date with acrylics. Sunday with oils. Fees: \$40 a day for members, or \$60. Call Mary at 905-892-4625 to preregister.

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Art-of-Fact exhibit on display until July 1. Summer architecture walks begin June 12. Check the museum's website or Facebook page for more info about all

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■ SOCCER: Pelham Soccer Fest this Saturday

Club kicks up fun on the soccer field

SARAH FERGUSON
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The Pelham Minor Soccer Club's finest players will kick up some fun during Pelham Soccer Fest.

"It's a tremendously busy place and a fun atmosphere. It's also one of the first times the teams have a chance to play together," says soccer club president, Stuart Macpherson of the

annual event.

Pelham Soccer Fest will be held Saturday, June 1 at Centennial Park from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All youth who play in the soccer club's house league will participate in a friendly tournament consisting of 40 games on 12 fields during the event.

"We try to make it a festival. There are games for kids, bouncers, snow cones and every kid gets a

treat," Macpherson says.

The soccer club president says the club currently has about 500 kids participating. But there is still room for youth to sign up to play soccer this summer.

"For children ages six to 10, there is still availability to play soccer this summer."

The league is also still in need of volunteers to coach soccer teams, espe-

cially for the club's under 7 and under 8 divisions, as well as the pre-squirt division. For more information email Macpherson at administrator@pelham-soccer.ca or visit online at www.pelham-soccer.ca. Parents can also visit Pelham Soccer Fest for more information.

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